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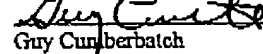
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Argento

) Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 10/663,006

) Examiner: Barrett, Thomas C.

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Filing Date: September 16, 2003

For: SUTURE TEMPLATE FOR FACILITATING
IMPLANTATION OF A PROSTHETIC
HEART VALVE

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

25 Responsive to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, please note the following:

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